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LT. GOVERNOR NORTON'S SCHEDULE October 18-22, 2004

DENVER – Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton will attend the following events:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:30 a.m. Norton to participate in Mentoring Disabilities Day, Colorado State Capitol Building, Room 130

As chair of Colorado Mentoring Disabilities Day and lead on the Governor's Commission on Community Service, Norton will host a mentor for a day who will observe her duties as Colorado's Lieutenant Governor.

10:00 a.m. Award presentation to Mr. Dean Schooler, Colorado State Capitol Building, Room 130

Schooler is the outgoing chair of the Governor's Commission on Community Service. As the Administrations lead for the Commission, Norton will present Schooler an award in appreciation for his service to the citizens of Colorado.

3:30 p.m. Mentoring Disabilities Day Event, Colorado State Capitol Building Rotunda

Norton to speak at reception inviting attendees to the Capitol in honor of Mentoring Disabilities Day and stress the importance of mentors and the positive impact they make for Colorado.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:30 a.m. Colorado Performance Excellence Awards Luncheon, Denver Marriott Tech Center, 4900 South Syracuse Parkway

Norton to help present the Colorado Performance Excellence Awards and offer congratulatory remarks. The Colorado Performance Excellence Quest is a Colorado 501c3 non-profit organization based on the Malcolm Baldrige National Program for Performance Excellence. The organization has a vision to create a culture for performance excellence in Colorado for individuals and business, healthcare, education, government, military, and other non-profit organizations.

6: 00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Family Council Dinner, Mt. Vernon Country Club, Golden

Norton to offer keynote address focusing on Colorado issues followed by a 20 minute question and answer session.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 p.m. USDA Rural Development Grant Announcement, Rocky Mountain SER/Jobs for Progress, Inc., 6535 County Road 12.9, Conejos

Norton to present a \$33,000 Community Facility Grant to Dr. Manuel Escamilla, Interim Director of Rocky Mountain SER/Jobs for Progress, Inc. The Rural Development funds will be used to purchase six laptop computers for the family service workers and management team staff. Funding will also allow for a cost effective, unlimited amount of education resources for the education team via the Internet. Conejos and Costilla Counties will also be providing \$11,000.00 to the project.

1:30 p.m. USDA Rural Development Grant Announcement, Gunnison County Housing Authority, 200 East Virginia Avenue, Gunnison

Norton to present a \$317,132 Self Help Technical Assistance Grant to John DeVore, Acting Executive Director of the Gunnison County Housing Authority. Rural Development funds will be used to provide grants to public or private non-public organizations and Indian Tribes to provide assistance in recruitment, screening, loan packaging, and related activities for prospective self-help housing applicants. This project will result in 18 new homes being built over a two-year period through the USDA Rural Development Mutual Self Help Housing Program. The Mutual Self Help Housing program is where a group of families/individuals get together to build their homes and use their sweat equity via a down payment.

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DeVore will also receive a \$625,000 Community Facility Loan at 4.75% for 40 years, and a \$25,000 Community Facility Grant on behalf of the Tenderfoot Child and Family Development Center. The funds will be used to finance a new child care center which will consolidate three separate leased locations into one, thereby increasing the capacity of the facility.

Jane Norton was sworn in as Colorado's 46th Lieutenant Governor on January 13, 2003. Her responsibilities include serving as the chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs; acting as point person for the Owens Administration on health insurance reform; strengthening families by promoting adoption, early childhood care and education efforts/initiatives, mentoring and volunteerism; and serving as Colorado's delegate to the Aerospace States Association.

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